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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS  
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR AUGUST 4,  
1975:

Q. IS THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERING A DOLS FIFTY MILLION  
TO DOLS ONE HUNDRED MILLION ARMS SALE TO YEMEN -- NORTH  
YEMEN I GUESS IT IS?

A. I DON'T HAVE ANY OF THE DETAILS OF THE SIZE OF THE  
TRANSACTION. I WOULD NOTE THAT THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC HAS  
FOR TIME SOUGHT ASSISTANCE IN MODERNIZING ITS ARMED FORCES.  
AND, AS YOU KNOW, UP TO NOW THEY HAVE BEEN EQUIPPED ALMOST  
ENTIRELY FROM SOVIET SOURCES. WE HAVE SOUGHT TO ENCOURAGE  
THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC TO LOOK TO SAUDI ARABIA AND OTHER  
FRIENDLY REGIONAL STATES TO ASSIST IT IN ITS MILITARY  
MODERNIZATION PROGRAM. WE ARE PREPARED TO SELL APPROPRIATE  
MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND SOME TRAINING TO THE YEMEN ARAB  
REPUBLIC WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF OUR OWN ANALYSIS OF THEIR  
NEEDS.

Q. HAVE WE SENT A TEAM THERE TO ANALYZE THEIR NEEDS?

A. A SURVEY TEAM DID MAKE A VISIT LAST OCTOBER FOR OUR  
OWN INTERNAL USE TO DECIDE WHAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO.

Q. WHAT KIND OF EQUIPMENT IS BEING CONSIDERED TO BE SENT?

A. I AM NOT ABLE TO GO INTO THE DETAILS.

Q. F-5'S?

A. NO AIRCRAFT ARE BEING CONSIDERED.  
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Q. DOES QTE APPROPRIATE UNQTE MEAN LETHAL, NON-LETHAL,  
DEFENSIVE, OFFENSIVE, WHAT?

A. DEFENSIVE. AND IT WOULD INCLUDE LETHAL.

Q. HOW LARGE AN AMERICAN MILITARY ADVISORY TEAM WOULD BE  
REQUIRED FOR THE KIND OF PACKAGE YOU HAVE IN MIND?

A. IN THE FIRST PLACE, I AM NOT COMMENTING ON THE  
PACKAGE.

Q. YOU WOULDN'T COMMENT ON THE MONEY. NOW I'M ASKING  
ABOUT THE PERSONNEL.

A. WE HAVEN'T REALLY PROCEEDED FAR ENOUGH TO MAKE A  
DECISION ON WHAT SORT OF AN ADVISORY TEAM WOULD BE REQUIRED

Q. ARE YOU PREPARED TO SEND AN ADVISORY TEAM?

A. I THINK I WILL HAVE TO STATE THAT IT IS PREMATURE TO  
ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

Q. HAS NOTIFICATION OF A LETTER OF OFFER BEEN SENT TO  
CONGRESS?

A. I DON'T BELIEVE WE HAVE GOT THAT FAR.

Q. HAS THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT INFORMED THE ISRAELIS  
IN ANY WAY ABOUT EQUIPMENT THAT MIGHT BE SENT TO NORTH  
YEMEN?

A. I DON'T KNOW.

Q. AND DOES THAT ADVISORY INCLUDE ALL THAT WOULD BE SENT  
OR THE FIRST PART OF IT?

A. I JUST ANSWERED THAT THAT I AM NOT AWARE THAT WE HAVE.

Q. ALL RIGHT, I WANT TO PUT TWO QUESTIONS IN FOR BEING  
ANSWERED, IF I COULD.  
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A. I CAN'T ANSWER THE SECOND ONE WITHOUT KNOWING THE ANS-  
WER TO THE FIRST ONE.

Q. COULD YOU GET THE ANSWERS TO THOSE TWO QUESTIONS?

A. I'LL TRY.

Q. THANK YOU.

Q. HAS THE TRANSACTION BEEN CONCLUDED, OR IS IT BEING -

A. NO, NO. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF TALKING ABOUT IT.

Q. IS THIS COUNTRY STILL RELUCTANT TO ENTER INTO NEW ARMS  
DEALS WITH ISRAEL?

A. I DON'T THINK IT IS CORRECT TO CHARACTERIZE THE UNITED  
STATES AS BEING RELUCTANT TO PROVIDE MILITARY ASSISTANCE  
TO ISRAEL.

Q. NOT TO PROVIDE MILITARY ASSISTANCE, BUT TO ENTER INTO  
NEW ARMS AGREEMENTS.

A. OUR POSITION ON THAT REMAINS AS WE HAVE STATED AS FAR

AS NEW TECHNOLOGY IS CONSIDERED, THAT IS BEING HELD IN A-BEYANCE PENDING THE COMPLETION OF THE REASSESSMENT. THERE IS NO CHANGE THERE.

Q. THERE ARE REPORTS FROM ISRAEL THAT A TEAM OF ISRAELI ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID SPECIALISTS ARE COMING TO WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS ISRAEL'S AID REQUEST. IS THIS CORRECT?

A. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE BEEN HAVING TECHNICAL TALKS WITH THE ISRAELI EMBASSY HERE ON THE ISRAELI REQUEST. THE IDEA OF SENDING AN ISRAELI TEAM HERE, I BELIEVE, IS SIMPLY AN EXTENSION OF THESE TECHNICAL TALKS WHICH ARE PRESENTLY UNDER WAY. BUT NO DATES HAVE BEEN SET YET AS TO WHEN THIS TEAM WOULD ARRIVE.

Q. HAVE YOU ASKED THEM TO DELAY THEIR VISIT?  
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A. NOT THAT I AM AWARE OF.

Q. WOULD THEY BE WELCOME AT THIS POINT?

A. THEY WILL BE WELCOME AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. WE JUST HAVEN'T REACHED THAT POINT.

Q. THE ISRAELI PRESS REPORT SAYS IT CAME UP IN A MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY KISSINGER AND PRIME MINISTER RABIN, AND AS A RESULT OF THOSE TALKS THE SECRETARY TOLD RABIN TO SEND A TEAM HERE. IS THAT CORRECT?

A. I DON'T KNOW. WE HAVE BEEN HAVING TECHNICAL TALKS WITH THE ISRAELI EMBASSY IN ORDER TO HELP US ANALYZE AND UNDERSTAND IN DETAIL ISRAEL'S OVERALL AID REQUEST.

Q. IN OTHER WORDS, YOU ATTACH NO POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE TO THE TEAM'S COMING HERE?

A. NO.

Q. WELL, EARLIER, JUST AFTER THE REASSESSMENT WAS ANNOUNCED, I THINK A TEAM WAS SUPPOSED TO COME, AND THEY WERE TOLD TO DELAY THEIR VISIT. DOES THIS INDICATE THAT THERE HAS BEEN -- THAT THE TIME HAS NOW COME?

A. I DON'T KNOW IF THERE IS A RELATION BETWEEN THE TWO TEAMS. I DO RECALL THERE WERE CONFLICTING REPORTS ABOUT WHETHER THE TEAM ACTUALLY WAS COMING OR HAD BEEN ASKED NOT TO LEAVE. THE FACT IS IN THE PRESENT CASE AND AT THE PRESENT STAGE OF OUR TECHNICAL TALKS THE VISIT OF THIS TEAM WOULD BE AN EXTENSION OF THE TALKS THAT WE ARE PRESENTLY HAVING WITH THE ISRAELI EMBASSY.

Q. I WAS TOLD THERE WAS A NEWS AGENCY REPORT QUOTING A JAPANESE NEWSPAPER TO THE EFFECT THAT WHEN NORTH KOREAN LEADER KIM IL-SONG WAS IN ALGERIA IN MAY THERE WERE TALKS BETWEEN NORTH KOREANS AND AMERICAN OFFICIALS THERE. IS THIS TRUE?

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A. I DON'T BELIEVE IT IS TRUE, NO. INGERSOLL

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